



Seneca Creek State Park Program Schedule

11950 Clopper Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878

August 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Nature Shack 5-7pm	4	5 Evening Pontoon 7pm	6 Take Me Fishing 8:30am Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Reptile Encounter 3pm
7 Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Reptile Encounter 3pm Ranger's Choice: Surprise Program 4-6pm	8	9	10 Nature Shack 5-7pm	11	12	13 Yoga 8:15am Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Reptile Encounter 3pm Bones! 5-6:30pm
14 Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Reptile Encounter 3pm Pollinators: The 3 B's 11am-1pm	15	16	17 Nature Shack 5-7pm Black Rock Mill 6:30pm	18	19	20 Take Me Fishing 8:30am Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Reptile Encounter 3pm
21 Grusendorf Open House 12-3pm Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm	22	23	24 Nature Shack 5-7pm	25	26 National Dog Day Hike 5:30pm	27 Yoga 8:15am Reptile Encounter 1pm Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm
28 Pontoon tours 2 and 4pm Flat Birds 3:30pm Evening paddle 5:30pm	29 Reptile Encounter 3pm	30	31 Nature Shack 5-7pm	 <p>Registration recommended to guarantee admittance. Find out details by calling (301) 924-2127 or by emailing scspnaturalist@gmail.com. For more info on park events, photos and more, visit: The Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook OR Find us on Twitter, @SenecaCreekSP</p> <div>  Find us on Facebook  </div>		

Seneca Creek State Park July Program Descriptions

Boat Center: Open Wed-Sun at 8am, closes two hours before sunset. Canoes, kayaks, pedal & rowboats for rent. Call 301-963-8788 for more info.

Nature Shack. All ages. No cost. Meet at Tire Playground: Check out fun crafts, games, and hands-on nature items. Activities vary each week!

Evening Pontoon Tour. All ages. Park entrance charges apply in addition to \$2/person program charge: Take a relaxing evening ride on the pontoon boat “Blue Heron” and search for wildlife who call Clopper Lake home.

Take Me Fishing. All ages. No cost. Park entrance charges apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Boat Center: Join an expert angler at the boat center for a beginner’s course in fishing. The park will supply rods and reels, or you are welcome to bring your own. Those persons 16+ years of age are required to obtain a MD Non-titled fishing license prior to the program (we do not sell these in the park).

Pontoon Tours. All ages. \$2/person in addition to park entrance fees on weekends and holidays. Meet at Boat Center: Join park staff for a relaxing 45 minute boat ride of Clopper Lake aboard the Pontoon Boat “Blue Heron.”

Reptile Encounter. All ages. No cost. Park entrance charges apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Tire Playground: Join the park staff for a fun, 30 minute reptile program. Meet a living turtle or snake!

Ranger’s Choice: Surprise Program. All ages. No cost. Meet at Tire Playground: Meet Volunteer Ranger Bonnie at the Nature Shack, next to the Tire Playground, for a nature-based program of her choice.

Yoga. All ages and levels welcome. Suggested donation of \$8. Park entrance charges apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Kingfisher Overlook: Join local yogi Marie Babb for 1.5 hours of yoga. Bring a yoga mat and water. Suggested donation of \$8 to benefit Friends of SCSP. Rain location is Park Office.

Bones! All ages. No cost. Park entrance charges apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Tire Playground: Join Park Staff to identify and inspect a various collection of bones. Bring your own bones to identify. Learn about skeletal characteristics and helpful ways to ID.

Pollinators: The 3 B’s. All ages. No cost. Meet at Tire Playground: Join Volunteer Ranger Bonnie at the Nature Shack (next to the Tire Playground) to learn about the vital role the 3 B’s (butterflies, bees, and bats) play in helping our daily lives.

Black Rock Mill Program. All ages. No cost. Meet at 16500 Black Rock Rd, Germantown, MD: Join Ranger Ledbetter to explore the ruins of Black Rock Mill, one of the county’s few remaining water-powered mills. Learn why it was briefly considered the “grain belt” of the nation.

Grusendorf Open House. All ages. No cost. Meet at the Park Office: Have you ever seen the log cabin sitting next to Seneca’s Park Office? Learn about its history, as well as other long time habitants of the area, the Clopper family.

National Dog Day Hike. All ages. No cost. Meet at Park Office. “National Dog Day celebrates all dogs, mixed breed and pure.” Join park staff for a 1.2 mile hike loop hike to celebrate our best friend’s, dogs. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water and all dogs must be on leash.

Flat Birds. All ages. No cost. Park entrance charges apply on weekends and holidays. Meet at Tire Playground: Birding can be hard for the beginner. Join Volunteer Ranger Nik at the Nature Shack (next to Tire Playground) for this introductory session on birding – learn how to use binoculars and what to look for when identifying birds with a fun game.

Evening Paddle. All ages. \$5/boat if using park canoe. Free if using own boat. Meet at the Boat Center: Many animals use the evening to go about their daily tasks. Search for wildlife and learn canoe skills during this 1 hour paddle. Register for this program as it is limited to first 15 registrants.